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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of two (2) month to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed December 17, 2003, from February 17, 2004, up to and including April 17, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$210.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No.9409/2023E. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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